Conservation of Temple complex at Angkorwat

1642. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the conservation work of the Temple Complex at Angkorwat undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that French Archaeologists have taken objection to and criticised the manner in which this work is being done;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India is getting this work done from the locals; and

(d) whether Government have reviewed the work being done in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) More than 80% of the work has been completed. The team had to leave as advised by the Indian Embassy due to the situation in Cambodia.

(b) No Sir. However, some biased reports in foreign journals and papers have quoted so called experts from France none of whom are known in the field of conservation. At the UNESCO sponsored meeting of experts at Angkorwat in April, 1993, all the experts including the French praised the Archaeological Survey of India's work.

(c) The A.S.I. under the bilateral Agreement has got the works done by using the local labour under the supervision of ASI experts.

(d) The work was recently reviewed by an evaluation committee headed by Mrs. Kapila-vatsayayan during April, 1992. The progress and other matters have been under constant review in the Department of Culture.

Pay Scale of the Staff Engaged in Project Work

1643. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the staff engaged in the Project work of Directorate of Education (Adult Education Branch), Delhi Administration is paid regular pay scales, if not, what are the details of the mode of payment;

(b) whether Government propose to revise their pay scales, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that these officials are the most lowly paid in comparison to their educational qualifications, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of officials engaged, nature of their job and the amount they are paid?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Functionaries of State Adult Education Programme run by Delhi Administration are given only honorarium and no pay scales have been sanctioned.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Projects under the State Adult Education Programme are purely temporary in nature and are manned by functionaries during the tenure of the project only. It is a centrebased programme of literacy and is being phased out with the increase in coverage through Total Literacy Campaigns.

(d) A statement is attached (See below).

Statement

The detail showing nature of duties as under

Name of post	Nature of duties	Honorarium Rs.
1. Project Officer	Organize a project of 100 centres in a specified area.	1500/- P.M.
2. Office Asstts.	Help in maintaining the office records and preparation of bills.	1300/- P.M.
3. Preraks	Helps the instructor to	333/- P.M.